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*In re* Patent Application of )  
Kengo AKIMOTO *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1655  
Application No.: 09/807,541 ) Examiner: Kailash C. Srivastava, Ph.D.  
Filed: April 13, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 7683  
For: MICROORGANISMS THAT )  
EXTRACELLULARLY SECRETE )  
LIPIDS AND METHODS OF )  
PRODUCING LIPID AND LIPID )  
VESICLES ENCAPSULATING )  
LIPIDS USING SAID )  
MICROORGANISMS )

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 2, 2005, the period for response to which is set to expire on March 2, 2006, with a three month extension of time and payment of the requisite fees, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a Notice of Appeal and the requisite fee.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11.

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